

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please add the three sheets of drawings comprising Figures 1-3, enclosed herewith, at the end of the specification.

REMARKS

The instant application is the national stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/051068, filed June 9, 2004.

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the instant amendment, the specification has been amended to include priority information. The specification has been amended at page 13 to provide correct SEQ ID information. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments. Therefore, entry and consideration of these amendments are respectfully requested.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The specification has been amended by adding three sheets of drawings comprising Figures 1-3, enclosed herewith, to the end of the specification.

Applicants respectfully submit that Figures 1-3, inadvertently omitted from International Application No. PCT/EP2004/051068, are incorporated by reference pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.57(a) by virtue of a claim under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 for priority of Italian Application No. MI2003A001156. The three sheets of drawings comprising Figures 1-3 can be found at the end of Italian Application No. MI2003A001156, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Thus, entry and consideration of the three sheets of drawings comprising Figures 1-3 are respectfully requested.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the instant amendment, Claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 14-16, 23-24, 31, 33, 35-36 and 52 have been amended to replace with “seq IDN” or “seqIDN” with “SEQ ID NO.” In addition, Claims 5, 6, 26, 39, 43, 47 and 52 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Claims 11-13, 17-19, 21-22, 25, 28, 34-35, 37-39, 44-52 have been amended to avoid multiple dependent claims.

Applicants submit that these amendments do not introduce any new matter and are supported by the claims and the specification as original filed. Accordingly, entry and consideration of the amendments are respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks made herein into the file history of the present application.

No fee is required for filing this Preliminary Amendment. In the event a fee is required, please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

Respectfully submitted,

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